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SUBJ: PRES SENGHOR CONCLUDES STATE VISIT

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1. PRES SENGHOR LEFT BANJUL ON SCHEDULE JAN 19 TO RETURN DAKAR FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL STATE VISIT TO THE GAMBIA. VISIT PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY WITH NO NOTICEABLE HITCHES, AND SEVERAL IMPORTANT DECISIONS REACHED ACCORDING TO JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JAN 18. LARGE PPP RALLY HELD IN PRES JAWARA'S HOME CONSTITUENCY, BRIKAMA, JAN 18, LINKED SENEGALESE LEADERSHIP WITH PRESENT GAMBIA GOVERNMENT AS LOCAL POLITICAL CAMPAIGN PROCEEDS TOWARD NEXT ELECTION. IN HIS SPEECH AT BRIKAMA, SENEGALESE FONMIN SECK SAID IT OBVIOUS WHICH PARTY MOST POPULAR IN GAMBIA.

2. COMMUNIQUE, WHICH STATES DISCUSSIONS PROCEEDED
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IN "ATMOSPHERE COMPLETE CORDIALITY AND MUTUAL

UNDERSTANDING," HIGHLIGHTS ANGOLA QUESTION (SEPTTEL), CALLS ON SOUTH AFRICA TO "SHOW MORE REALISM" IN NAMIBIA, AND SAYS MIDDLE EAST SOLUTION MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT "LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FOR A HOMELAND."

3. COMMUNIQUE FURTHER CITES PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN SUCH COOPERATIVE FIELDS AS TRANS-GAMBIA BRIDGE, TELEVISION, EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINK. DOCUMENT SPEAKS OF ESTABLISHING "GAMBIA RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY" (ORGANIZATION DE MISE EN VALEUR DU FLEUVE GAMBIE, IN FRENCH), AND IMMEDIATE SETTING UP OF EXPERTS' COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY COORDINATING ALL ACTIVITIES RELATING TO GAMBIA BASIN PROJECT. BOTH STATES AGREE TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATION FOR CONTROL OF DESERT LOCUSTS AND BIRDS (OCLALAU). TWO HEADS OF STATE EXPRESS DESIRE INCLUDE GUINEA-BISSAU IN BRIKAMA/BIGNONA ROAD PROJECT, TO LINK BANJUL TO BISSAU VIA ZIGUINCHOR. NETTLESOME BOUNDARY PROBLEM IN KANTORA REGION (EASTERN-MOST PORTION OF GAMBIA) ALSO SETTLED, ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE.

4. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 18, PRES SENGHOR, QUESTIONED ABOUT GUINEA-SENEGAL RELATIONS, SAID PRES JAWARA "HAD DONE HIS DUTY" WHILE IN CONAKRY. SENEGAL IS READY, PRES SENGHOR DECLARED, FOR DIALOGUE WITH GUINEA AT ANYTIME AS LONG AS IT IS CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT FOR SENEGALESE CONSTITUTION. WYGANT

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